

A Sampling of Major Pending Multidistrict Litigation

	Case name	Case number and venue	Judge	Summary of case	Status	Lead plaintiffs firms	Defense firms
BP MDL	In re Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon"	10-MD-2179, E.D. La.	U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier	Thousands of individuals and businesses, along with state governments and the U.S. Department of Justice, seek damages related to the April 2010 explosion of BP's Macando well.	A final fairness hearing on BP's proposed settlement with the private plaintiffs is scheduled for November 8. A trial on liability is scheduled to begin on January 13.	Domeneaux, Wright, Roy & Edwards; Herman, Herman & Katz	BP PLC: Kirkland & Ellis; Liskow & Lewis; Covington & Burling. Anadarko Petroleum Corp.: Bingham McCutchen; Kuchler Polk Schell Weiner & Richeson. Transocean Ltd.: Frilot; Sutherland Asbill & Brennan; Munger Tolles & Olsen; Hughes Arrell Kinchen; Matook & LaFleur. Halliburton Energy Services Inc.: Godwin Ronquillo
	In re Countrywide Financial Corp. Mortgage-Backed Securities Litigation	MDL-2265, C.D. Calif.	U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer	Investors claim they were misled about the origination practices or credit quality of mortgages that Countrywide originated between 2004 and 2007.	In early July, the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation rejected the FDIC's bid to remove its case against Countrywide from the MDL.	Cohen Millstein Sellers & Toll	Goodwin Procter
Darvon	In re Darvocet, Darvon and Propoxyphene Products Liability Litigation	MDL-2226, E.D. Ky.	U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves	Plaintiffs are suing the manufacturers of prescription painkillers Darvon and Darvocet, claiming the drugs and their generic counterparts cause serious heart ailments.	Many of the primary defendants in the personal injury cases have been dismissed, and the plaintiffs are awaiting a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit on their appeal of six of those dismissals.	Wright & Schulte; RodaNast	Greenberg Traurig; Ice Miller; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; Ulmer & Berne
Mesh MDL	In re C.R. Bard Inc., Pelvic Repair System Products Liability Litigation	MDL-2187, 2325-2327, 2387, S.D. W.Va.	U.S. District Judge Joseph Goodwin	Plaintiffs allege that transvaginal mesh devices used to alleviate loss of bladder control cause infections, injuries and discomfort.	A fifth defendant, Coloplast Corp., was added to the litigation in August and the first set of bellwether trials is scheduled to start in March 2013.	Blasingame Burch Garrard & Ashley; Motley Rice; Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz; Clark, Love & Hutson	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough; Reed Smith; Shook, Hardy & Bacon; Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada; Fulbright & Jaworski
POM MDL	In re POM Wonderful LLC Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation	MDL-2199, C.D. Calif.	U.S. District Judge Dean D. Pregerson	Plaintiffs allege that POM's claims that its pomegranate juice products offer health benefits are false and misleading under California law.	The class of people who purchased POM products October 2005 to September 2010 was certified on September 28, and the case has entered discovery.	Kirkland & Packard	Roll Law Group
Toyota MDL	In re Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation	8:10ML02151 C.D. Calif.	U.S. District Judge James Selna	Plaintiffs allege economic loss, personal injury or death from sudden-acceleration incidents.	Trial set for February 19; defendant recently filed amended answer to complaints.	For economic loss claims, Hagens Berman Sobol & Shapiro; Susman Godfrey; Cochett Pitre & McCarthy. For personal injury and death claims, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein; Robinson Calcagnie & Robinson.	Bowman and Brooke
Toyota California consolidated litigation	In re Toyota Motor Cases	JCCP 4621, Los Angeles County, Calif., Superior Cour	Judge Anthony Mohrt	Individual and class plaintiffs allege breach of warranty and personal injury related to sudden-acceleration incidents in Toyota vehicles.	Bellwether case on breach of warranty claims scheduled for January 2.	Strange & Carpenter; Blood Hurst & O'Reardon; Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley	Bowman and Brooke
Toyota New York consolidated state litigation	In re Toyota Unintended Acceleration Litigation	60019/11, Nassau County, N.Y., Supreme Court	Justice Stephen Bucaria	Consolidated individual consumer lawsuits claiming breach of warranty and personal injury related to sudden-acceleration incidents in Toyota vehicles.	Discovery under way.	Rheingold, Valet, Rheingold & McCartney	Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott
Toyota Texas consolidated state litigation	In re Unintended Acceleration Litigation	2010-46354, Harris County, Texas, Civil Court	Judge Robert Schaffer	Consolidated individual consumer lawsuits claiming personal injury related to sudden-acceleration incidents in Toyota vehicles	Discovery under way.	Hilliard Munoz Gonzales; Wigington Rumley Dunn (liaison firms)	Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott